VERMONT TELEGRAPH

I AM SET FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL!

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Anr. 4. Once in three months, viz. in January, April, July and October, the members shall be allowed to bring to the meeting those children who are under the age of fifteen years, and they shall be considered members of this association. At these meetting its highest interest?

BRANDON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1836.

constructions of moral perceptions of the community of bringing up her children in the nurture and fear of the Lord, or any female having charge of the education of children, may become a member by subscribing to these articles.

Churches not to hold communion at the Lord's Table, with those who persist in this Heaven-during crime. Adopted. The Committee on Temperance presented as their report the following resolution.

Resolved. That we recommend to the Churches of this Association to so making articles.

ings the exercises shall be of such a nature as seems best calculated to instruct the minds and interest the feelings of the children who

and interest the feelings of the children who attend. There shall be a contribution from the children for religious purposes.

And be Every member of this association shall be considered sacredly bound to pray daily for her children, and with them as often as convenience will permit, and to give them from time to time the best religious in struction of which she is capable.

And be the indispensable duty of every mother to multiply have the

ty of every mother to qualify herself by pray-er, and as opportunity may allow by reading, for performing the ardness duties of a Christian mother, & to suggest to her sister mem-bers such hints as her own experience may furnish, or circumstances seem to render ne-

meetings, &c., as circumstances may render

Ann. 6. The officers of this association shall be a first and second directress, it secretary, a treasurer, and a committee of two which shall be chosen annually on the last Thursday in December. It shall be the duty of the directresses to preside at all meet

ied."- Prov. xxxii 28.

ADDISON CO. ASSOCIATION. Held its second annual session in Brid Sept. 22-23 Rev. B. Carpenter your 105-present number of communicants, 978 next meeting, at Bristol, 3d subject. Adopted. lay in Sept. 1836. The following are some of their resolutions. They

and the dignity of your rank in the great minimal reaction. Cast away the unworthy idea that your influence is small and circumscribed, and that it matters little and circumscribed, and that it matters little in what way it is exerted. Chestianity has restored to co-operate in the formation of abolished.

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believing that we may profit by a free interchange of ideas, we have resolved to form
ourselves into an association, under the following

the age

our prother's blood cries to Him who has
said vengeance is mine—therefore.

Resolved That we, as Christians, have
no fellowship, and recommend to the
Churches not to hold communion at the no fellowship, and recommend to the Suppose that, by a miracle of divine Churches not to hold communion at the grace, a soldier should be converted. He Lord's Table, with those who persist in loves God. He loves all God's creatures,

pansive benevolence, therefore mands of the gospel.

employing agents shall cease; and that he well.
be held responsible for the degree of piety But and amount of benevolent action among the people of his charge.

fearfully responsible work. Adopted.

red to them of great importance, and of quire of the chaplain concerning it. He fered the following resolutions:

The Committee on Slavery presented in order to assist mothers in the formation of Material Associations where they do not introduce the following Report:

The Committee on Slavery presented in the following Report:

Whereas We have reason to rejoice that the Churches are now awaking to a same of the circumstances of most methers and the circumstances of most methers and the circumstances of the gospel to the circumstances of the gos civil and religious privileges from the which engresses the whole soul in time know whether our prayers were answered sanctification, and to keep you from being and prevalence of this evil while the voice of of war, and chains it down to things of And we might continue praying and exalted above measure. I sent it upon you are the blood cries to Him who has time and sense, militate against revivals.— praying, long after the prayer was an in love, and in faithfulness, and you have The Spirit, like some peaceful dove, F. Flees from the realms of noise and strife.

and his whole soul goes out in benevolent feelings towards the whole human race. sented as their report the following reso. How can he, in such a state of feeling, plunge his bayonet into the heart of a sin-Busolved. That we recommend to the mer and send him to everlasting perdition? Churches of this Association to so modify However others may conceive the abstract the last Thursday of every month, from A pril to October, at 3 o clock, and through the contemplates the contemplates the electing shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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ART 3. The time allotted to the monthly make the contemplates the electing shall be spent in reading such books as relate to the objects of this association, in the arms the same. their respective covenants as to make the idea of loving an enemy and praying for habitual use of ardent spirits a disciplination, and at the same time sending his good, and that both Christ and his anos- of Christ, which the soldier must violate les taught that no man should live unto To obey them would be to subject himessential to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, how can he grow and increase in religion that Christians prove themselves grace. A young convert loves the sanctubenevolent as that they give evidence that ary and the delights of the sabbath; but they are a praying people; and believing he is commanded to fight, kill and destroy likewise that the times in which we live on that holy day. How can he be in the call for more elevated piety and more ex- spirit on the Lord's day?

Can we suppose that a general would Resolved. That we deem it the imperi- ever pray for a revival in his army !ous duty of each Pastor, imposed on him What would be do with a revival on the by the Great Head of the Church, in con- eve of a battle ! It would destroy all his sequence of his office, to urge the claims hopes of victory. Accordingly we find, of benevolence upon his people until they that the most able generals have deprecacome up and meet in this respect the de ted religion. Bonaparte, the greatest general that the world ever saw, allowed no Resolved. That it is the duty of each priests in his army. He said he did not Pastor to preach frequently on this sub- like a religious soldier—that the worse ect, and to show that the very genius of the man the better the soldier; and that if the cospel is benevalence, and that it is his soldiers were not corrupt they should be duty to adopt a register of benevolence and made so, and his great success showed pursue it vigorously until the necessity of that he understood human nature but too

But it is useless to proceed farther, to show that there is no hopes of a revival in time of war, and though, in times of peace, Resolved. That it is the duty of the Dea- when the common practices of war are cons particularly, and of the members of suspended, there may be some show of the Church generally, to do all they can religion in a barrack, I fear there is but to aid their Pastors in this arduous and little of the reality. We heard, some years ago, of a revival of religion at West Point. The Committee on General Education My curiosity was much excited by such reported that they regard the subject refer- an anomaly, and I took some pains to ininformed me that there was some serious-Resolved. That as Literary Institutions are multiplying in every part of our countributed, and appropriate it in accordance with the votes of the association. The durantees of the document of the durantees of the association. The durantees of the durantees of the durantees of the association. The durantees of the association. The durantees of t Resolved. That as Literary Institutions ness, but that, in almost if not quite every should avail themselves of these facilities was in a time of pea e and under the most he saw them fast asleep. He awaked to give their children a good literary edu-favorable circumstances. The young them and said, "What, could be not watch

Resulved. That it is the imperative dus cannon, drams and fifes, the clanger of was gone. Fill then, he had been in such ty of every person, and especially of every trumpets and the din of arms, what time an agony that his sweat was as it were Christian to take some measures to gain is there for religious meditation? All great drops of blood, but now it was all information concerning the prevalence of the conversation turns on the news of the overthis sin, in order to counteract its influ- war. The stillness of the sabbath is disfor. The number of Churches is ence; and also that we recommend the turbed by the march of armies, the arrival ing against the cross, and begging to be 18—Ministers, 11—baptized during the York, and edited by a society of females as rage of deleas and the confusion occasioned a proper medium of information on this by prebaration against attack. A retival of religion cannot be expected at such a to die on the cross, and he never shrunk offer such poayer. People sometimes The Committee appointed in relation to time; and facts, I believe, will warrant me from it. But he was afraid he should die ask, "How shall I offer such prayer?—

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to the one we ask for. 2. If we are not bound to expect the There is not only no evidence that he very thing we ask for, it must be that the prayed in faith, but a strong presumption

often connects other blessings with it. 4. Perhaps you may feel a difficulty with him?

here about the prayers of Jesus Christ .strengthening him. And his mind be-

Some have supposed that he was praydelivered from dying on the cross! Did Christ ever shrink from the cross ? Never. He came into the world on purpose into this state of mind, in which we can the establishment of a fund for the benefit in saying that they seldom or never occur, in the garden before he came to the cross.—
of Widows and Orphans of deceased Bap— A great revival of religion commenced. The burdens on his soul was so great,

of which he speaks, was a false apostle who had distracted and perverted the church at Corinth. That Paul prayed against his influence, and the Lord answered him by assuring him, "My grace pray for the abolition of war, because THE PRAYER OF FAITH. is sufficient for thee." Who does not it is the greatest of all obstacles to re-

> But admitting that Paul's prayer was not answered by granting the particular thing for which he prayed, in order to (Concluded from our last.) thing for which he prayed, in order to IV. I will proceed to show that this make out this case as an exception to the swered by some other blessing equivalent no business to pray that I should take it away.-LETIT ALONE."

Spirit of God deceives us. Why should that he did not. From the history it is he excite us to desire a certain bl. ssing, evident that he had nothing on which to when he means to grant something else? repose faith. There was no express prom-3. What is the meaning of this passage, ise, no general promise, that could be ap-Ha man ask bread, will be give him a plicable, no providence of God, no prophstone?" Does not our Savior rebuke the ecy, no teaching of the Spirit that God idea that prayer may be answered by giv- would remove this thorn; but the presumping something else? What encourage- tion was that God would not remove it,—ment have we to pray for anything in par- He had given it to him for a particular ticular, if we are to ask for one thing and purpose. His prayer appears to have been receive another! Suppose a Christian selfish, praying against a mere personal inshould pray for a revival here he would convenience. This was not any personal be answered by a revival in China. Or suffering that retarded his usefulness, but he might pray for a revival, and God on the contrary it was given him to inwould send the cholera, or an exthquake, crease his usefulness by keeping him hum-All the history of the church shows that ble, and because on some account he when God answers prayer, he gives his found it inconvenient and mortifying, he people the very thing for which their pray- set himself to pray out of his own heart. himself, and that the whole body of the self to the charge of treason and the pun- ers are offered. God confers, other bles- evidently without being led to it by the re for future usefulness in primitive Church acted agreeably to this ishment of death. If he then fives in the dectrine; and believing also that it is as habitual violation of the commands of they do not pray for at all. He sends his faith without the Spirit of God, any more rain both upon the just and the unjust. than any other man? And will any one But when he answers prayer, it is by do- undertake to say that the Spirit of God ing what they ask him to do. To be sure, led him to pray that this might be removed he often more than answers prayer. He when God himself had given it for a pargrants them not, only what they ask, but ticular purpose, which purpose could not be answered only as the thorn continued

Why then is this made an excep People may often ask, "Did not he pray tion to the general rule laid down in the in the garden for the cup to be moved: and text, that a man shall receive whatsoever was his prayer answered? I answer that he asks in faith? Iwas once amazed and this is no difficulty at all, for the prayer grieved at a public examination at a Theowas answered. The cup he prayed to be logical Seminary, to hear then darken delivered from was removed. This is counsel by words without knowledge on what the apostle refers to, when he says this subject. This case of Paul and that "Who in the days of his flesh, when he of Christ just adverted to, were both of had offered up prayers and supplications them cited as instances to prove to their with strong crying and tears unto him students that the prayer of faith would not that was able to save him from death, was be answered in the particular thing for heard in that he feared." Now I ask, On which they prayed. Now to teach such what occasion was he saved from death, sentiments as these in or out of a Theoloif not on this? Was it the death of the gical Seminary, is to trifle with the word cross he prayed to be delivered from ? of God, and to break the power of the Not at all. But the case was this. A Christian ministry. Has it come to this. short time before he was betrayed, we that our grave doctors in our seminaries, hear him saying to his disciples, "My soul are employed to instruct Zion's watchmen, is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." to believe and teach that it is not to be ex-Anguish of mind came rolling in upon pected that the prayer of faith is to be anhim, till he was just ready to die, and he swered in granting the object for which went out into the garden to pray, and told we pray? Oh, tell it not in Gath, nor let his disciples to watch, and then he went by the sound reach Askalon. What is to himself and prayed; "O my Father," become of the church while such are the said he, "if it be possible, let this cup pass views of its gravest and most influential from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as ministers ! I would not be unkind nor thou wilt. In his agony he rose from censorious, but as one of the ministers of his knees, and walked the garden, till he Jesus Christ, I feel bound to bear testimocame where his disciples were, and there my against such a perversion of the word of God.

5. It is evident that the prayer of faith with me one hour? And then he went will obtain the blessing, from the fact that Resolved. That this Association will taminated with scenes of bloodshed and again, for he was in such distress that he our faith rests on evidence that to grant patronize the Vermont Literary and Sci- murder, yet religion could not live there could not stand still, and again he poured that thing is the will of God. Not evientific Institution at Brandon. Adopted. But who ever heard of a revival of reli- out his soul. And the third time he goes dence that so mething else will be gran-The Committee on Moral Reform Re- gion in a camp or barrack in time of war ! away and prays, "Father, if thou be wil- ted, but that this particular thing will be -War has not only this deplorable effect ling, remove this cup from me; neverthe. But how, then can we have evidence that Whereas The sin of Licentiousness is on those immediately engaged in it, but less not my will, but thine be done." And this thing will be granted, if another thing fearfully prevalent in our country, and the very nature of war is calculated to de, now the third time of praying, there ap- is to be granted? People often receive whereas, letting alone any statis not the stroy all religious feeling in the nation peared an angel anto him from heaven, more than they pray for. Solomon prayed for wisdom, and God granted him riches way to prevent it, or bring the guilty to that wages it. In the excitement of war strengthening him. And his mind be-repentance, therefore, and calm, and the cup and honor in addition. So a wife some times prays for the conversion of her husband, and if she offers the prayer, of faith. God may not only grant that blesseng, but convert her child, and her whole family.-Blessings sometimes seem to hang togethen, so that if a Christian gains one he gets them all.

V. I am to show how we are to come